

### **Amendment to the Drawings**

Please substitute for the two Sheets of Replaced Drawings which contain Figs. 2, 4 and 5, and which form part of the accompanying, four-page Appendix, the two Sheets of Replacement Drawings which form the balance of that Appendix.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)  
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### **Remarks/Arguments**

This response has been prepared as an Amendment after and in relation to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2008 regarding the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. In that Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 on a technical ground under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, objecting in that claim to the phrase “a pair of upright supports”, rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,379,281 to Calletti et al., in view of Vandelinde, U.S. Patent No. 4,749,060, rejected claims 2 and 8 also under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over these same, two, just-mentioned, prior-art references, and indicated the allowability of claims 5 and 9.

By the present Amendment, following a careful review of the Examiner's comments, and without agreeing with the Examiner's substantive and technical claim-rejection positions, applicant cancels without prejudice all but claim 7, and currently amends this claim to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 9 whose allowability has been indicated, thus to place this application, and currently amended claim 7, in a condition for immediate, formal allowance. In addition, applicant presents, in the attached Appendix, two Replacement Sheets of Drawings containing Figs. 2, 4 and 5 to correct several, inadvertent, labeling and lead-line errors existing in the two Replaced Sheets of Drawings.

No new matter has been introduced.

For these reasons, applicant submits that claim 7 now remaining in this application, following entry of the present Amendment, is allowable, and, therefore respectfully solicits favorable reconsideration of this application, and formal allowance now of that single claim. If

the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at 503-504-2271.

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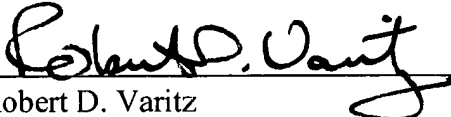
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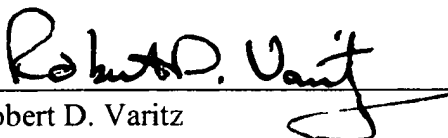
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